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Official Magazine of the

ROOTES GROUP CAR CLUB QLD Inc

(Incl Humber, Hillman, Sunbeam, Singer, Commer & Karrier Vehicles and Clubs in Queensland)

Just one of the many benefits of membership

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and welcome in the new year with a few quiet drinks with family and friends.

Our youngest son Andrew and his partner spent Christmas Day with us, it was an extremely hot and humid day for all of us. Out of all our three children Andrew is really the only child who has an interest in older cars, which is promising for the future when I will no longer be driving our cars.

On a sadder note I have reluctantly accepted the resignation of our long serving Editor Clyde Northcott who decided his time is up in this role. Clyde was our Editor for the RGCCQ for several years, and previously was the Editor for the Sunbeam Owners Club of Queensland for many years. He will be missed and the Committee wishes him all the best as he works on his car restorations and from all of us a big thank you for all his efforts as Editor for both car clubs over many years.

So we are looking for a new Editor for 2027, it is not a difficult role and all the layout and email templates are in place and requires only a few hours a month to do.

So if you would like to be more involved with the Club in 2027, please let us know!

In the interim leading up to our AGM in March I will be the Acting Editor to ensure continuity of communication occurs.

Now we have managed to survive Christmas and New Year commitments our first event for 2027 is the annual Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club Australia Day event at the Ormiston State School. The details are in the Newsletter and I thought rather than arriving in dribs and drabs, if we could meet at Camp Hill BWS car park 724 Old Cleveland Road at 6.30am for the drive out to Ormiston.

Also please note the date for our Club AGM, the notice will be sent out to you separately shortly which we will be holding at the Camp Hill Hotel on March 8.

It would be appreciated if you, as our members, could attend, as it is a good opportunity for you to ask questions and there are also other roles, we are looking at filling in on the Committee as well.

I have taken the opportunity during the Christmas period to start sorting and labelling my not so small spare parts that I have accumulated over the past thirty or so years. Not just Rootes car parts but also ones for our Fiat, Alfa and Maserati cars as well. It is always interesting when you discover a part that you did not know you had. For example I found a set of side windows for a Sunbeam Talbot Alpine or an oil cooler for a Hillman Imp. I found it hard to rationalise some of the larger body panels which I thought I might need; however they have been sitting there for decades so some unfortunately went to scrap.

Enough from me this month and looking forward to catching up with you for our drive out to the Australia Day Rally at Ormiston on January 26. Also you can always contact me directly on 0402 423 800 or by email at elizabethkindy@westnet.com.au.

PS: Keep those 2026 membership renewals coming in and many thanks to those who have already renewed!

Don't Forget: Next Event

Australia Day Rally - Ormiston State School

Meeting Point for drive to Ormiston State School

BWS Camp Hill Car Park

724 Old Cleveland Road Camp Hill 6.30am

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Do you have an idea for a run or event? Please contact the Events Co-ordinator! Thank you.

Month	Date	Day	Event / Address	Address	Sponsor	Start
Jan	26th	Monday	Australia Day	Meet at the BWS Camp Hill car park 724 Old Cleveland Road at 6.30am Ormiston State School Wellington Street, Ormiston	RGCCQ	06:30
Feb	TBA	TBA	Fish n Chips Run	Frank Doyle Park Allpass Parade Sandgate	RGCCQ	9:00
Mar	8th	Sunday	Annual General Meeting	Camp Hill Hotel	RGCCQ	10:00
Mar	29th	Sunday	Ormiston Swap + Bayside Lunch	Ormiston State School Wellington Street, Ormiston	RGCCQ	06:00
Apr	TBA	TBA	Springbrook Run		RGCCQ	
May	17th	Sunday	David Hack Classic	Toowoomba Aerodrome	RGCCQ	
June	3 rd	Wednesday	Combined Run Ipswich Car Club	Meet at Cameron Park, Booval	RGCCQ	08:30
July	TBA	TBA	Christmas in July	Fox and Hounds Pub – Mt Tamborine	RGCCQ	
Aug	TBA	Saturday	Rootes Roundup	Highvale	RGCCQ	
Sept	5	Sunday	Stanthorpe Car Show and Swap Meet	Stanthorpe	RGCCQ	
Sept	11 to 13		Sunbeam National Meeting	Forster-Tuncurry	RGCCQ	
Sept	11 to 15		National Hillman Rally	Wagga Wagga	RGCCQ	
Sept	TBA	Sunday	All British Day	St Josephs School – Tennyson	RGCCQ	
Oct	TBA	TBA	Northern Run	Sunshine Coast Hinterland	RGCCQ	
Nov	TBA	TBA	Christmas Party	TBA	RGCCQ	
Dec	Nil	Nil	No Event			

REGULAR CAR MEETS AROUND BRISBANE

This is NOT a complete list. If you can recommend another, let us know so we can add it to our list.

Old Petrie Town, Petrie - Fri nights, Sat and Sun morning, every week.

1st Saturday of month 7.30 am - Cars and Coffee - Samios Foods Turbo Drive Coorparoo

1st Sunday of month 7.00 am - Greg's Cars and Coffee-Victoria Point Shops

2nd Sat of month 7.30 am - Coffee, Crunch and Chrome - Joes Diner - Kingsford Smith Dr. Eagle Farm

Last Saturday of month 8.00 am Cars and Coffee - Ormeau, 270 Lars Rd.

Last Sunday of month 8.00 am Breakfast and Cars - Beenleigh Historic Village

2nd Sunday of month 10.00 am Waterloo Bay Hotel - Berrima St Wynnum

Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club

PRESENTS

RACQ Batteries



Australia Day Event

Monday 26th January 2026

Ormiston State School



Car Club entry for display from 6am - via Wellington St

Gates open for public at 7am

Bring Your Own chairs & cups

Complimentary Breakfast, Tea & Coffee from 7am to 9am

Buy a raffle ticket and support Sailability - drawn at 10.00am

Enjoy the display of vehicles - Historical, Veteran, Vintage, Classic, Hot-Rods,
Trucks, Bikes & Military - until 10.30am

At 10.30am start one of the optional navigation runs
through the Redlands Coast

BYO lunch to have in park at completion of your chosen run

School gates close at 12 noon

Contact: Steve 0411 516 122



**Drones & Social Media not permitted unless
permission given by BVRC committee**

NO Dogs, Smoking or Vaping allowed on school grounds



**ROOTES GROUP CAR CLUB OF QUEENSLAND
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND LUNCH
SUNDAY MARCH 8, 2025
AGM at 10.00am
Lunch at 12 midday**

Camp Hill Hotel, 724 Old Cleveland Road, Camp Hill

Meeting will start at 10:00 on the outside deck terrace area. Park out the back of the BWS bottle shop and come through front glass doors and turn left to once inside to access the outside deck terrace area. Ask the Reception staff for directions if needed.
Lunch (pay your own way) is available from 12:00 – the Club has a table booked on the outside deck terrace area.

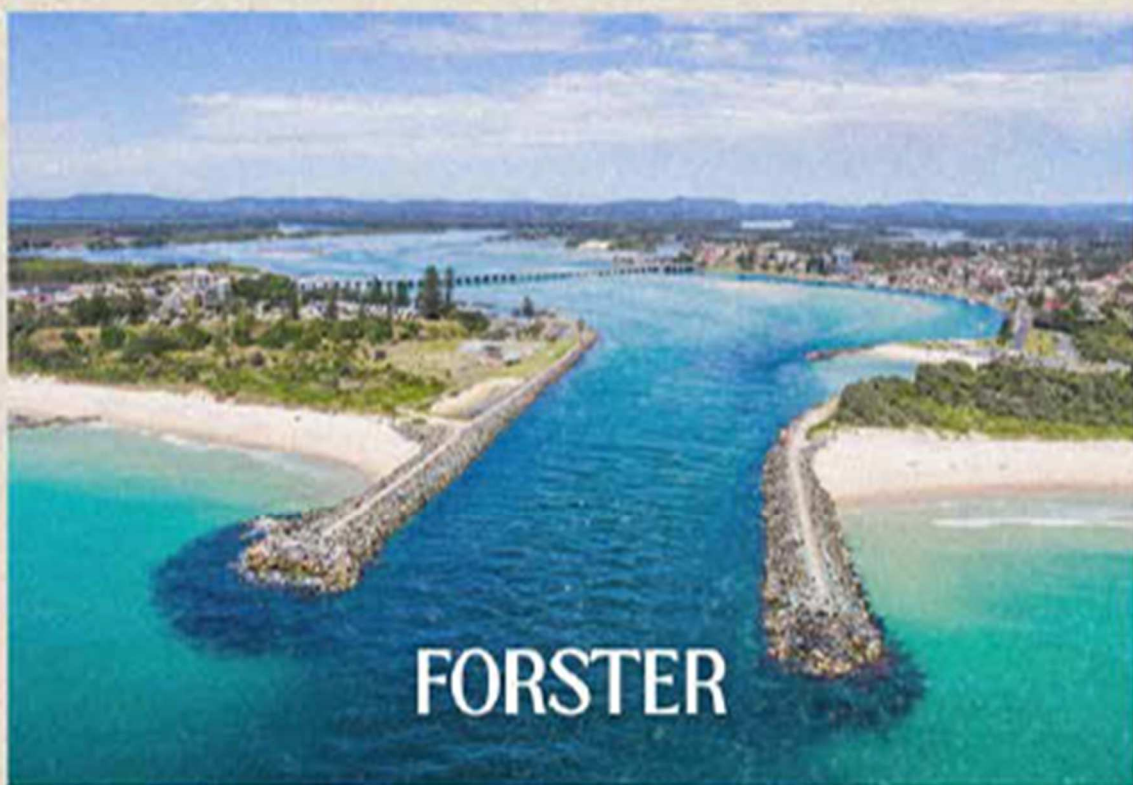


48TH SUNBEAM NATIONAL MEETING

September
11-13th 2026



Sevan Apartments
Forster



REGISTRATION PACKAGE

[HTTPS://WWW.SUNBEAMCARNSW.ORG.AU/](https://www.sunbeamcarsnsw.org.au/)

Coming
Soon!





BOOKING FORM / DEPOSIT

18th National Hillman Rally -

Wagga Wagga 11-15 Sept 2026

Hello friends,

We are pleased to provide a booking form and deposit details to register your interest in attending the 18th National Hillman Rally to be held in Wagga Wagga September 11-15, 2026. We are still establishing rally costs and will provide final details as soon as practicable.

To ensure your place at the 18th National Hillman Rally 2026, please complete and return this form, with completed vehicle details and payment of \$100 **per person** to:

emaisiejohnson@gmail.com or to 3 Little Place, Flinders, NSW 2529.

(preferred method of payment is by direct deposit)

ENTRANT/S:

Name/s (Please clearly print each person's name)

CONTACT DETAILS:

Email Address: <i>(please write clearly)</i>	
Mobile Phone Number(s):	
Home Phone Number: <i>(if applicable)</i>	
Postal Address:	

VEHICLES (if known): * e.g. 'Series I' or 'Mark II' or similar

Make	Model	Mark / Series *	Year	Body Style	Registration #
Hillman/Rootes Club:					

PAYMENT DETAILS: (Please indicate payment amount and method)

- ☐ I / we have paid \$100 / \$200 (or other amount)
- ☐ Direct deposit has been made to Acct Name P Johnson & J Wilson BSB: 732 681 Account No: 650 829
- ☐ My / our surname & initials have been entered in the comment field.
- ☐ Please find enclosed a cheque paid to P Johnson & J Wilson

FOR SALE – 1948 HILLMAN MINX

1948 Hillman Minx automatic for sale. Significant body work has been completed on the vehicle with some upholstery also redone. Additional parts, windshields and some manuals available with the car. The car is in assembled towable condition.

The current owner inherited the vehicle, which is located in Stafford, Brisbane and is stored under cover. We have not attempted to start the car; The car has been restored to a condition that it started. \$6,500 ONO. Inspections welcome by arrangement. Contact: Johnji Kruchio on [0424 937 552](tel:0424937552).



FOR SALE – 1952 HILLMAN MINX

This For Sale Advertisement was forwarded from the Hillman Car Club in Victoria so hopefully someone would be interested in a new project!

The car is in original condition, has not been molested and has been in the shed gathering dust for the last 30 or 40 years. The car is black and the upholstery looks ok.

The family home where the car is stored (in suburban Melbourne) is going on the market on 1 February 2026 and the car needs to be moved before then if possible.

It would be good to try to save the car rather than see it go for scrap.

The person to contact is Donna Crowley. The car belongs to her mum and was originally her grandfather's car. Donna's phone number is 0418 813 216 and her email address is:

donncrow@iprimus.com.au Asking price is \$500.



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MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE 01 January each year

Interested in joining? Please go to <https://rgccqld.org.au/join/>,

Payments to: Suncorp Internet Banking (Rootes Group Business Premium)

BSB 484 799 Account 481 960 636

Please include your surname in the Reference field when using online banking – thank you.

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Club meetings are usually held as published in the Events Calendar. Friends and prospective members are ALWAYS welcome. The next scheduled Committee meeting is at a date to be advised.

MEMBERS: CREATE YOUR OWN IMPROMPTU EVENT

LEAD OTHERS TO A FAVOURITE SPOT OF YOUR CHOOSING. ENJOY THEIR COMPANY
IN THE CLASSIC CARS

REMEMBER TO CARRY A COPY OF THE IMPROMPTU EVENT WITH YOU WHEN
DRIVING TO AND FROM ANY EVENT

Financial / Current Members – create your own impromptu event.

Lead others to a favourite spot of your choosing and enjoy their company in their classic cars.

Remember to carry a copy of the impromptu event approval with you when driving to and from any event.

It is also wise to carry a printed copy of the invitation / newsletter excerpt / webpage of any event you are travelling to and from in case you are pulled over for any reason.

The Management Committee recommend the following advice be offered to our members who may be contemplating taking part in Club activities in the future:

The Club's website has an Application Form that when fully completed is automatically sent to the Events Manager.

His job will then require resending the Application as an email to ALL members.

Accordingly, the Application will require a start time and those members wishing to take part in the Event will need to phone the Applicant to obtain the requisite details.

It is anticipated that these Impromptu Events will often take place during mid-week outside of the regular Club events.

You will be asked to obtain the names of attendees and for them to sign an attendance sheet.

See this on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/World-of-Rootes-Group-Cars> (Over 3000 photos)

See this on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Rootes-Group-Buy-or-Sell-Cars-and/or-Parts>

WEARING OF SEAT BELTS—CLASSIC VEHICLES

The government camera scheme to detect wearing of seatbelts has been clarified by the Transport Main Roads with respect to wearing them whilst in a Classic car built prior to 1969 (when seatbelts were not installed when manufactured). A representative of the TMR has stated that all photos taken are cross-referenced with the vehicle registration details and if the vehicle is prior to 1969 and NO belts were fitted, NO FURTHER ACTION WOULD OCCUR—THE PHOTO WOULD BE DISMISSED.

However, if a photo was inadvertently processed and a summons was issued, contact TMR and they will deal with it in your favour.

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Readers of this magazine are advised to use caution in following any technical or other advice that may be given in any article, as the Club and committee cannot accept responsibility for its accuracy or reliability. The views expressed by correspondents do not necessarily represent the views of the Club

HUMBER HOSPITALITY

A service offered by all Australian Humber car clubs, including ours.

A volunteer service of "tea and sympathy" (followed by help where possible) for members experiencing vehicle breakdowns while travelling interstate.

Please use this service responsibly and call for assistance only where you and / or the Automobile Road Service are unable to rectify the problem.

(ACT) Rod Calvert. Farrer. Phone: 02 6286 4035

(NSW) Bruce Carpenter. Maryland (Newcastle). Phone 0414 619 108

(SA) Winston Bryant. Blakeview. (near Gawler). Phone 0403 024 385

MEMBERS OFFERING SERVICES

Some of our club's members offer services that may assist you with your Rootes classic.

Their contact details are listed here free of charge as a club service as part of their own club membership.

(NSW) Jack Harris. 218 Duff Street, Broken Hill 2880. Phone 08 8088 5843

(NSW) Roger Foote, Eastwood (Sydney). Phone 0448 HUMBER

(NSW) Denis Boyle. 51 Shelleys Lane, Thirlmere (SW Sydney). Phone 02 4683 0643 / 0478 047 690

(NSW) Alan Lindsay "Winamie" 595 Rocky Range Road Delegate (SE NSW). Phone 0428 588 083

(QLD) Lawrie and Jean Bennett. Carina (E Brisbane). Phone 07 3398 5062

(QLD) Adrian Grant. The Gap (W Brisbane). Phone 07 3300 3955 or 0434 383 055

(QLD) Max Webster. 576 Drayton Connection Rd, Finnie (Toowoomba). Phone 0418 716 268

(VIC) Bob Kennedy. Glenlyon (near Daylesford). Phone 03 5348 7692

(VIC) Keith Willimott. Watsonia (NE Melbourne). Phone 03 9435 6354

(WA) Brian and Rosemary Phillips. Gooseberry Hill (E Perth). Phone 08 9293 2674

(Any errors or omissions please let us know, and we'll fix next issue..)

- **John Harris (Rootes Rochedale)** can assist with Rootes parts and mechanical services.
Phone number (07) 3341 5555
email: rootesro@outlook.com
- **CARB TECH:** Paul White at Redcliffe 0417 713 662 can service most makes of carburettors on Classic Cars
- **Frank Schoenberger:** manufactures most rubber products for Rootes Cars.
www.rootesautoparts.com

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See Flyer in this Newsletter